

Our Fly By Aviation Clients

I hope this finds you all well. As many of you have noticed, there have been some improvements and additions to 19F this year and I wanted to make sure everyone was aware of some new procedures. In addition give a reminder of other policies that have been in place for some time now. It is critical that everyone follow these policies and procedures to keep the rental cost as low as possible. If you have been renting from Fly By for some time you know the the rental fees have only increased one time in 5 years and remains the lowest cost 172 as equipped in the area. Please help Fly By keep costs low by respecting the equipment and other renters!

The new interior is 1/2 complete. The remainder of the interior will be installed (cover panels and trim) over the coming months. I think everyone will agree the reupholstered seats are much more comfortable! Please be careful with pens and pencils - we already have some ink marks on the seats from carelessness. We provide a plastic bin the cargo compartment to hold the fuel and oil supplies. Please return those items to the bin when finished and do not place them in the seat back pockets. The fuel and oil will ruin the leather. The installation of the new floor covering makes it easier than ever to clean up. Please do not leave trash in plane or in the seat or side front pockets.

19F also has a new cover which will be installed on the airplane. You will receive a message with instructions on how to remove and replace the cover on the aircraft. Beginning June 1 everyone renting will be required to replace the cover after each rental. This will protect windows, interior, and avionics from the sun and heat. The cover is fairly simple to remove and install and after a few times I think everyone will be proficient at using the cover. If you have questions or need a demonstration after receiving the instructions, please contact me and I will arrange for someone to help you.

There has been some battery issues related to users in the recent months. As a reminder - Please do not leave the master switch on while preflighting the aircraft. Turn on the switch, lower the flaps, check the lights, and turn off the master switch immediately. Do not raise the flaps until the engine is running. This will extend the battery life and avoid no starts. Very important - the starter has a on limit of 10 seconds. **DO NOT CRANK THE STARTER FOR MORE THAN 10 SECONDS!** If the engine does not start, wait 5 minute before cranking again to cool off the starter. Excessive cranking will burn out the starter.

Do add oil when dipstick shows 4.5 quarts or less.

I am excited to see all the check rides being scheduled in 19F! Please remember the minimum daily rental is \$450 or hobbs time, whichever is greater. If you book 19F for a checkride, and you have the aircraft more than 6 hours, you will be billed for the daily minimum (or hobbs if greater). CheckRide Minimum: 3 hours or actual hobbs, whichever is greater. (3 x \$130 = \$390) There are no exceptions to this policy. If you are taking your ride at WHP, you can always book the plane for the time you need it after you oral test. Discuss this with your CFI if you are unsure how to arrange the reservation timing. If you are taking the Checkride elsewhere, you will probably be at 2 hours by the time you fly out, take the ride, and fly back. Make your flight back a little longer and enjoy the privileges of your new certificate!

Remember the minimum rental period is 1.5 hours. This includes training! A typical training flight can easily be 1.5 hours, so this should not be an excessive burden. Again, discuss this with your CFI if you have questions.

There is never a charge for cancelling due to weather - IFR and excessive winds are valid reasons to cancel. Please check to the TAF 24 hours before your reservation. If you need to cancel, do so at that time. All cancellations within 24 hours will be charged \$100 if the actual weather is VFR at the time of the reservation. Last minute cancellations leave your fellow Fly By pilots on the ground when they could be flying.

Please be considerate of other renters and only book the airplane for the time you need it, We have had some bookings for 5 hours and the plane only flew the minimum. While this is not a violation of the policy, it blocks out the aircraft for several hours when someone could fly before or after the time it was actually utilized. Plan your time accordingly, and remember you may need the plane the next time! If you are just doing pattern work, book the plane for a 2 or 2.5 hour block. Fly By has a small by very active group of users. Let's all work together and keep flying.

Thanks to everyone for being a client of Fly By Aviation! It is our joy to provide a quality and well maintained aircraft at a low cost to help you reach your flying goals. If there is anything you need or if you have any questions about this message or any of our policies, please contact me. The CFIs can also be an excellent resource for information on renting and training in our airplane.

Safe Skies!
Alfred